

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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The application has been amended as follows:

30. (Currently Amended) A method for providing transmission of a selected media program to a plurality of wireless handsets deployed in a wireless network having at least one cell site coverage area associated therewith, the method comprising:

receiving a first request to receive a selected media program from a first wireless handset in a first cell site coverage area, the request corresponding to a selection from a list of available media programs presented to a subscriber on a display of the wireless handset;

establishing a wireless channel upon which to broadcast the selected media program in the cell site coverage area;

broadcasting the selected media program to the first wireless handset over the wireless channel as a one-way phone call having no return audio-path, wherein, if it is determined that the first wireless handset can receive only a portion of the media program, broadcasting the selected media program comprises transmitting only the portion of the media program that the first wireless handset can receive;

establishing a return data-command path over the wireless channel adapted to receive a media selection or a phone call from the first wireless handset;

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receiving a second request to receive the selected media program from a second wireless handset;

determining whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area; and

transmitting the selected media program to the second wireless handset, based on a determination of whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site ~~site~~ coverage area.

40. (Currently Amended) A system for providing transmission of a selected media program to a plurality of wireless handsets deployed in a wireless network having at least one cell site coverage area associated therewith, the system comprising:

a source provider configured to receive a transmission of a media program from at least one media program provider, the source provider being further operative to broadcast the selected media program to a first wireless handset in a first cell site coverage area, via a wireless channel; and

a wireless network configured to broadcast the selected media program from the source provider to the first wireless handset;

wherein the source provider is further configured to:

in response to a request for a requested media program, the request corresponding to a selection from a list of available media programs presented to a subscriber on a display of the handset, establish a wireless channel upon which to broadcast the requested media program in the cell site coverage area;

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broadcast the requested media program to the wireless handset over the wireless channel as a one-way phone call having no return audio-path, wherein, if it is determined that the first wireless handset can receive only a portion of the media program, broadcasting the selected media program comprises transmitting only the portion of the media program that the first wireless handset can receive;

establish a return data-command path over the wireless channel adapted to receive a media selection or a phone call from the wireless handset;

receive a second request to receive the selected media program from a second wireless handset;

determine whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area; and

transmit the selected media program to the second wireless handset based on a determination of whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site ~~site~~-coverage area.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-29, 35-39 and 41-43 have been canceled.

Claims 30-34, 40, 44-51 are allowed.

Applicant's invention of claims 30 and 40 is drawn to a method/system for providing transmission of a selected media program to a plurality of wireless handsets deployed in a wireless network having at least one cell site coverage area associated therewith, comprising: receiving a first request to receive a selected media program

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from a first wireless handset in a first cell site coverage area, the request corresponding to a selection from a list of available media programs presented to a subscriber on a display of the wireless handset; establishing a wireless channel upon which to broadcast the selected media program in the cell site coverage area; broadcasting the selected media program to the first wireless handset over the wireless channel as a one-way phone call having no return audio-path, wherein, if it is determined that the first wireless handset can receive only a portion of the media program, broadcasting the selected media program comprises transmitting only the portion of the media program that the first wireless handset can receive; establishing a return data-command path over the wireless channel adapted to receive a media selection or a phone call from the first wireless handset; receiving a second request to receive the selected media program from a second wireless handset; determining whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area; and transmitting the selected media program to the second wireless handset, based on a determination of whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area.

The prior art of record does not teach specifically receiving a first request to receive a selected media program from a first wireless handset in a first cell site coverage area, the request corresponding to a selection from a list of available media programs presented to a subscriber on a display of the wireless handset; establishing a wireless channel upon which to broadcast the selected media program in the cell site coverage area; broadcasting the selected media program to the first wireless handset over the wireless channel as a one-way phone call having no return audio-path,

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wherein, if it is determined that the first wireless handset can receive only a portion of the media program, broadcasting the selected media program comprises transmitting only the portion of the media program that the first wireless handset can receive; establishing a return data-command path over the wireless channel adapted to receive a media selection or a phone call from the first wireless handset; receiving a second request to receive the selected media program from a second wireless handset; determining whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area; and transmitting the selected media program to the second wireless handset, based on a determination of whether the second wireless handset is located within the first cell site coverage area.

As a result, applicant's claims 30-34, 40 and 44-51 comprise a particular combination of elements, which is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly, the applicant's invention is allowable for these reasons.

Conclusion

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